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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte: GREGORY HINTERMEISTER AND
MICHAEL RAHN

Application No. 10/767,044
Technology Center 2100

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 28, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

APPEAL BRIEF, CLAIMS APPENDIX

A review of the Appeal Brief filed June 1, 2007 reveals that claims 1, 9, 13, 16 and 18 in the Claims Appendix of the Appeal Brief are not consistent as amended in the last entered amendment filed on June 5, 2006. The copy of the claims should be in proper format and should not include any markings such as brackets or underlining except for claims in a reissue application in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii). Furthermore, the Claims Appendix cannot assume entry of After Final Submissions for which an Advisory Action (or other Office communication) has not advised of entry. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1205.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

Specifically, claims 1, 9, 13, 16 and 18, as provided in the Brief's Claims Appendix, reflect the claims submitted in the amendment filed October 23, 2006.

However, the last entered amendment dated October 23, 2006, was not approved for entry. Appropriate correction of all claims provided in the Claims Appendix in proper format is required.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

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1) hold the Appeal Brief filed June 1, 2007 defective, as required by 37 CFR § 41.37(d);

2) notify the Appellant to submit a “paper” which corrects the Appeal Brief’s Claims Appendix under 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(viii);

3) acknowledge and consider any “paper” submitted by Appellant to correct the Appeal Brief; and

4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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